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New Variety of Pulses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has conducted any research regarding development of new variety of pulses in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time limit was fixed for development and production and distribution of these new varieties of pulses among the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for promoting pulse production across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) Yes, Scientists of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) are involved in research to develop the new varieties of pulses crops.

(b) Total 19 high yielding varieties of pulses including 6 of pigeonpea, 5 of urdbean and 8 of mungbean were developed by BARC to date.

(c) No such time limit is fixed. Breeder seed of new varieties is produced by National Agricultural Research System (NARS) as per indent and breeder seed is being supplied to different seed producing agencies to make available to the farmers.

(d) Government has taken several steps to increase the production of the pulse crops. Under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) programme, four projects have been sanctioned during 2016-17 by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare to boost pulses production in the country. These programmes are (i) Creation of Seed-Hubs for increasing pulses production, (ii) Enhancing Breeder Seed Production for increasing Indigenous production of pulses, (iii) Cluster and front line demonstrations, and (iv) Creation of bio-fertilizers/bio-pesticides production centres. Further, Government has also implemented mini kits programme for quality seed distribution of pulses. In addition, minimum support price of major pulses have also been increased substantially.

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